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Jobs Report September 2014

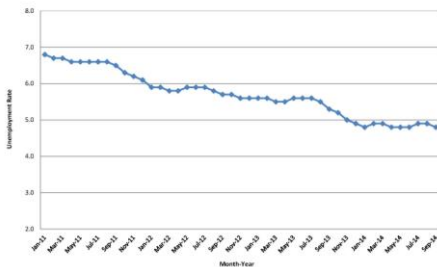
TOPEKA, Kan. – The state’s September seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 4.8 percent, down from 4.9 percent in August and down from 5.3 percent in September 2013.

Kansas gained 10,700 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, an increase of 1 percent since last year, and 9,200 nonfarm jobs, a 0.7 percent increase. Since last month, Kansas gained 1,300 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, a 0.1 percent increase. The state gained 2,400 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs, a 0.2 percent increase since last month.

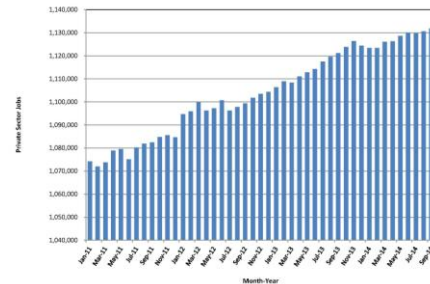
“The Kansas economy is strong and continues to grow.” said Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor.

“Unemployment claims are at lows not seen since 2008. More than 23,000 Kansans have found work in the past year alone and are finding jobs that are paying better wages.”

**Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)
Kansas
January 2011 to September 2014**



**Private Sector Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)
Kansas
January 2011 to September 2014**



Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 11,400 private sector jobs since last year, or 1 percent, and 9,500 nonfarm jobs, an increase of 0.7 percent. Since August, private sector jobs decreased by 5,300, a 0.5 percent decline. The state gained 17,400 total nonfarm jobs over the month, a 1.3 percent increase.

“Despite national trends showing people leaving the labor force, Kansas continues in the right direction with more people entering the labor force and finding jobs, driving the state’s unemployment rate down.” said Justin McFarland, Director, Labor Market Information Services.

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in September was 4.4 percent, down from 4.8 percent in August and down from 5.1 percent last year.

There were 10,978 initial claims for unemployment benefits in September 2014, up from 9,953 in August and down from 11,297 last year. There were 68,335 continued claims in September, up from

62,606 the previous month and down from 112,887 in September 2013. These numbers include all available programs.

Kansas labor market information for September is available [here](#).

Information on procedures for producing Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) estimates is available on the BLS website [here](#) and procedures for producing Current Employment Statistics (CES) estimates is available on the BLS website [here](#).

PLEASE NOTE: The October Labor Report will be released on Friday, Nov. 21.

An audio clip of the Labor Market Report quote by Justin McFarland, Director, Labor Market Information Services, is available online courtesy of the Kansas Department of Labor.

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